# EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND

SURVEYOR.

for the year

1971.



#### PUBLIC HEALTH COLLETTER

The whole of the Council.

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Councillor W. N. Gill.

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Councillor H. M. Shepherd-Cross.

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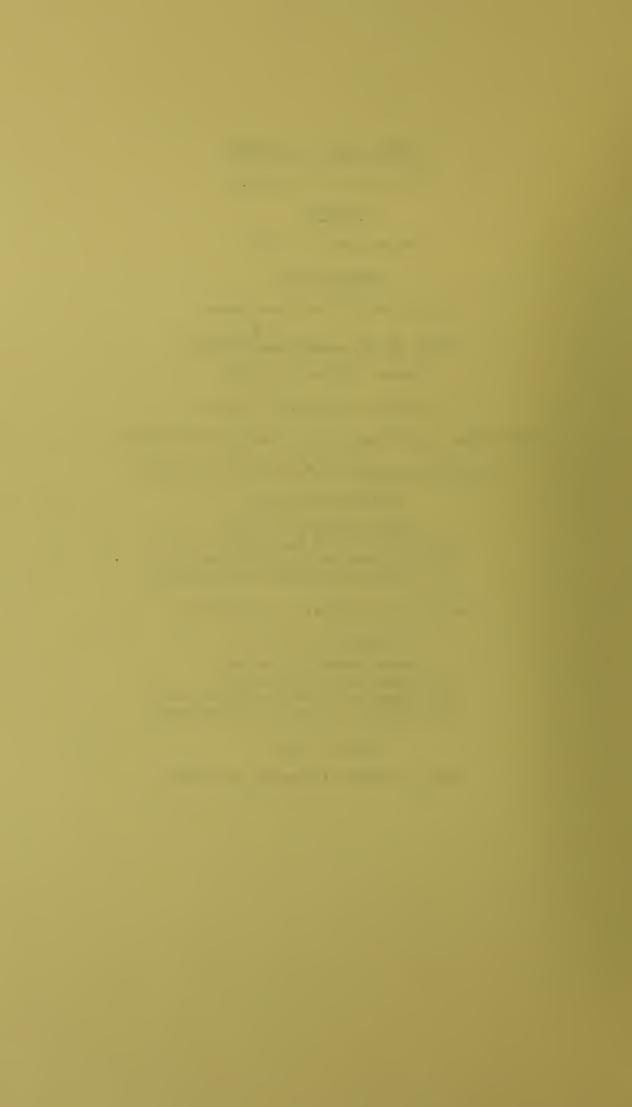
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Mrs. H. Gidley. (Clerical Assistant).



#### EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I present my Annual Report for 1971.

The statistical table which follows is set out in the form presented by the Registrar General and can thus be readily compared with other districts and with the large districts to be formed when amalgamation takes place in 1974. There are no points to which I would draw attention in these statistics.

A satisfactory environment is necessary for the populate to attain a healthy existence. Housing continues to improve with continued new house construction both by the Council and by private development. The completion of a second housing scheme with warden care is a matter upon which the Council can expect to be congratulated. One can also see a great improvement in older properties following the improvement grant scheme, which will be accelerated by the even greater grants available at the present time.

Water supplies are satisfactory apart from the fact that fluoride could be added at the main source with benefit to dental health. It may well be that this will only take place after the new health authority is formed in two years time.

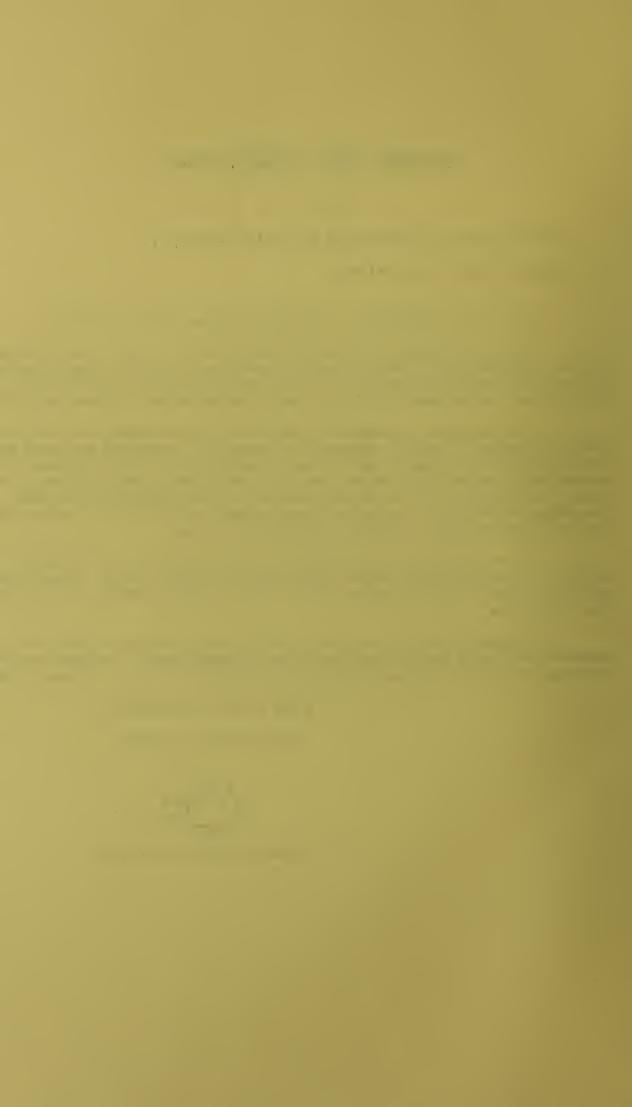
Financial rationing prevents a more speedy provision of adequate sewerage facilities in the area where works designed only a few years ago are becoming inadequate in size, and sizeable villages are without disposal works.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servent,

Medical Officer of Health.

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# EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT. ANNUAL REPORT

# of the Medical Officer of Health

for the year - 1971

# Vital Statistics.

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		Males	Females	Total		(Total)
Estimated mid-year home	population.	!		12,110	48,8	815,000
Live births Total Legitimate Illegitima		83 79 4	93 91 2	176 170 6		783,165 717,491 65,674
Stillbirths Total Legitimate Illegitima		-	-	and and		9,898 8,826 1,072
Total live and Total Stillbirths Legitimat Illegitim		: 83 79 4	93 91 2	176 170 6		793,063 726,317 66,746
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	Total Legitimate Illegitimate	2 1	-	2 1	and comments and the second	13,726 12,140 1,586
under 4 weeks of age	Total Legitimate Illegitimate	1 1 -	-	1	***	9,113 8,121 992
under 1 week of age	Total Legitimate Illegitimate		-	1 1	1 1	7,750 6,903 847
Deaths - all ages		75	49	124		567,345
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Live birth rates etc. Livebirths per 1,000 hom Area comparability facto Local adjusted rate Ratio of local adjusted Illegitimate live births	rate to national rate				14.5 1.08 15.7 0.98	16.0 1.00 16.0 1.00 8
Stillbirth Rate. Stillbirths per 1,000 to	tal live and still bir	ths			_	12
Infant Mortality Rates  Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births  Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 yr. per 1,000 legitimate live birth  -do- illegitimate -do- per 1,000 illegitimate live births					11 6 167	18 17 24
Neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births					6	12
Early neonatal mortality Deaths under 1 week pe		tlis			6	10
Perinatal mortality rate Stillbirths and deaths	under 1 wk. combined,	per 1,000	total liv	e birth:	s 6	22
Deaths rates, etc - all Deaths per 1,000 home po Area comparability facto Local adjusted rate Ratio of local adjusted	pulation (crude rate) r				10.2 1.03 10.5 0.91	11.6 1.00 11.6 1.00



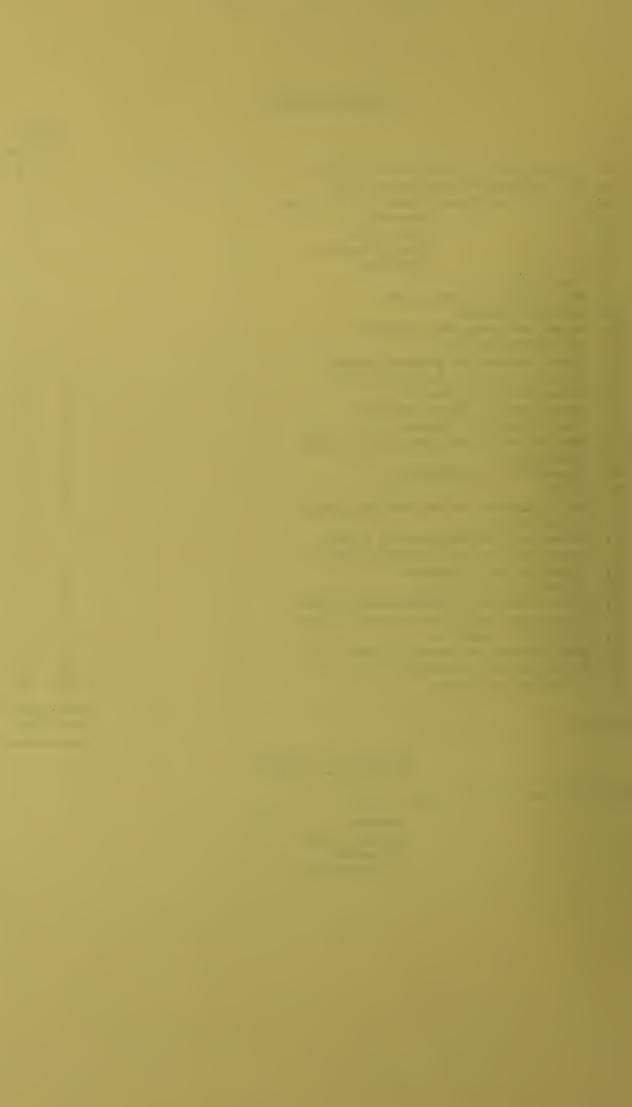
# CAUSES OF DEATH.

		19 M.	971. F.
1.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	1	1
2.	Late effects of respiratory T.B.	1	
3.	Malignant neoplasm, Buccal cavity etc.		1
4.	Stomach	1	3 2
5.	Intestine	~	2
6.	Lung, Bronchus	5	2
7.	Prostate	1	Brain
8.	Loukaemia	<b></b>	2
9.	Other malignant neoplasms	3	2 3
10.	Diabetes Mellitus	0.00	3
11.	Other endocrine etc. diseases	1	
12.	Multiple sclerosis	1	e.s
13.	Other diseases of nervous system		1
14.	Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	1
15.	Ischaemic heart disease	16	8
16.	Other forms of heart disease	3	<b>2</b> 8
17.	Corebrovascular diseaso		ટ
18.	Other diseases of circulatory system	3 6	2
19.	Fnoumonia	6	5
	Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	
21.	Asthma	1	
	Other discases of respiratory system.	2	2
	Peptic ulcor	1	-
24.	Intestinal obstruction and hernia	••	l
25.	Other diseases of digestive system.	1	1
26.	Rophritis and Rephrosis	1	
	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	
	Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	-
	Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	1	***
30.	Congenital anomalies	1	••
31.	Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	
	Notor vehicle accidents	5	1
33•	All other accidents	3	1
Tota	ls:	75	49

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following diseases were notified:-

Measles 5
Scarlet Fever 5
Pulmonary
Tuberculosis 1



#### HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Day to day administration of the health service in the areas of the Rural District Councils of Easingwold, Flaxton, Thirsk and Wath is centred at Easingwold. At the end of the year the Offices were moved to the new Health Centre, Crabmill Lane, Easingwold. It is anticipated that in April 1974 these premises will be taken over, together with the service carried out from there, by the new Area Health Board.

The area has a population of 62,720, largely urban and suburban where adjacent to the City of York, but rural in the remaining northern part.

Your Medical Officer holds appointments with the four district councils as Medical Officer of Health, and with the County Council in duties with the Health and Education services.

Laboratory facilities. The public health laboratories at Northallerton which has served the North Riding for so long is now closed, although the laboratory at Northallerton, under the auspices of the hospital authority still carry out routine examination of milk and water samples. Examination of specimens taken in investigation of infectious diseases will be carried out either at the hospital laboratory at York, or at one of the other of the remaining Public Health Laboratories.

<u>Dental Service</u>. The vacancy of a school dental officer mentioned in my last report has been filled and the area is now served by one full-time and one part-time dentist, work is carried out in three dental surgeries in schools, and at Thirsk Clinic. Additionally a very well equipped mobile caravan is used.

Maternity and Child Welfare. Live births in the area at 932 have remained virtually unchanged over the past 3 years, and of these births only 53 were demiciliary, a further fall to half the previous years home confinements. Illegitmate births were 36 representing 3.6% which compares with approximately 8% for England and Wales. There was an excess of infant deaths in the Southern part of the area, largely due to a rise in premature births, but taking the area as a whole infant mortality about exactly matches that for the County as a whole.

Attendances at County Council Infant Welfare Clinics remained almost unchanged from the previous year. An encouraging growth in the number of mothers attending mothercraft and relaxation classes has occurred and only the lack of suitable premises available preventing an even more rapid expansion of this educative effort.

Nursing Service. The following tables show staff employed at the year end.

	rull time	Part time
Health Visitors	9	2
Generalised duties	7	2
Combined duties (district nurse-midwife)	7	-
Midwifery only	-	-
Home Nursing only	2	-

One full time combined duties nurse is appointed but has not yet taken up duty. The official policy of the Department of Health & Social Services has been for some time to foster the attachment of nurses to general practitioners and considerable progress has been made in this direction. Practices in which 20 practitioners work have firm attachment arrangements involving 16 nurses, but further progress would seem to be impossible until the re-organisation of boundaries takes place.

#### Vaccination and Immunisation.

The only change in recommendation for immunisation has been the abandonment of smallpox vaccination as a routine procedure. It is now felt that as the number of cases of smallpox is rapidly declining in the world, and the number of infected areas decreasing due to the protective effect of vaccination in these areas, the chances of casesbeing imported into this country is bound to continue to decline. Provided travellers abroad, and immigrants are properly protected, as well as those whose duties may entail contact with any case e.g. doctors, nurses, ambulance staff etc., the spread of disease can be prevented by selected vaccination of contacts here. Smallpox vaccination is never without a slight risk, and less morbidity and mortality will occur by the abandonment of routine vaccination.

The following table shows completed courses of immunisation compared with 1970 in persons under the age of 16.

	_1;	970	1.971		
	Primary	Booster	Primary	Booster	
Diphtheria	1025	934	965	9 56	
Whooping cough ·	1025	932	965	195	
Tetanus	<b>1</b> 364	1009	<b>1</b> 260	1260	
Poliomyelitis	1046	807	95 <b>1</b>	1037	
Measles	1310	-	1003		
Rubella (girls only)	471	-	636		

#### Domestic Help Service.

This service became the responsibility of the newSocial Services Department on 1st April, 1971, but continues to be operated on an agency basis at the present time by this department. There was again an increase both in number of hours worked from 41,820 to 48,030 and in the cases helped from 223 to 247. The majority of these cases are elderly. Twenty seven of the recipients paid the standard charge of 38p per hour, the remainder being assessed according to means, many of these being free.

#### Chiropody.

One full time and one part time chiropodists are employed.

654 persons given treatment at one or other clinic, and 138 people received domiciliary treatment.

3192 treatments were given during the year. The majority of cases are elderly people over the age of 65 and a charge of 10p per treatment is normally made. At least two full time chiropodists are required, and better premises to provide a reasonable service.

#### Care and After Care.

The County Council provides many forms of assistance aimed at prevention of illness or to encourage recovery. Items of nursing equipment wheel chairs, lifting devices, ripple beds etc., are provided on temporary loan. Each year an increasing sum is spent on the provision of incontinent pads both for elderly people and children who are mentally retarded or suffering from spina bifida.

Where items of equipment are required for a prolonged period the responsibility for supply becomes that of the social services department or the Ministry of Pensions.

#### Family Planning.

This is now a direct County Council service and has operated in much the same way as it was functioning in previous years under the Family Planning Association. Clinics are held at Huntington and Thirsk, and members have continued to attend the F.P.A. clinic at York. It is hoped to extend the service, and the new Health Centre at Easingwold is in mind for sessions.

#### Routine Screening.

The Guthrie test is carried out on all babies, either in hospital prior to discharge or at home soon afterwards. It may be that in the future the test applied will be able to detect conditions other than phenylketonuria.

Cervical cytology is carried out by family doctors at sessions of the Family Planning Clinic, and at special sessions at our major clinics.

Children in school are seen annually by a nurse with apparatus to test vision and hearing and the service brings forward a number of baby cases of visual or auditory defect which would not otherwise be detected until the routine medical examination which is held at less frequent intervals. The health visiting staff continue to play an important part in following the progress of all children, paying particular attention to those with a history which places them at risk of abnormal development, and the assessment of hearing is carried out during the first year of life.

#### Pre-school Children.

Responsibility for the premises of the Nursery and Child Minder Act now lies with the department of Social  $S^c$ rvices but has been carried out during the year by our staff.

#### EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector

and Surveyor - for the Year 1971.

To the Chairman and Members of the Easingwold Rural District Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Sanitary circumstances of the District for the year 1971.

Virtually the whole of the District, with the exception of a few isolated premises, is supplied by or within reach of, mains water from the Ryedale Joint Water Board. Most of the houses in Brandsby-cum-Stearsby are supplied from an old private system although the public water main passes through.

Sewage Disposal and Sewerage Schemes.

#### Easingwold Sewerage Scheme.

Mork commenced on this long awaited scheme during the year and is expected to be finished in 1973. Some development will be possible in the Easingwold area as a result of the larger disposal works, but it will not be of great extent.

The general problem of development must be tackled eventually, but the overall plan for the area should be considered first, so that extensions to disposal works may be provided in those areas selected for expansion. The sooner this overall plan is available the sooner will it be possible to put forward our new schemes.

It seems unlikely that anything more than the Raskelf scheme can be tackled by this Council before the re-organisation of local government in 1974 and some other body will be responsible after that date.

#### WATER SUPPLIES.

## Public Supply.

The water supply has been satisfactory throughout the year, and all except one of the chlorinated samples from the public mains were reported as being Class 1, Excellent quality. The single exception was due to main laying operations and after re-chlorination of the mains the follow-up samples were satisfactory.

# Summary of Samples submitted for Bacteriological Examination.

Sources	Mature of Samples				
	Chlorinated.		R	aw.	
	Sat.	Unsat.	Sat.	Unsat.	
1. Ryedale Joint Water Board:	98	1	1		
2. Private Supplies:	eur.	-	8	16	
Totals:	98	1	9	16	

There are no houses in the District supplied with water from public mains by stand pipes.



#### HOUSING.

#### a) New Houses.

The total number of new houses erected during the year was 165.

Parish.	Local Authority.	Private.
Alne	-	3
Crayke	6	2
Easingwold	52	13
Huby	6	49
Husthwaite	<b>-</b>	1
Linton on Ouse	-	2
Newton upon Ouse	-	4
Raskelf	-	3
Shipton	-	1
Stillington	-	6
Sutton on Forest	-	10
Tollerton	<b></b>	5
Whenby	-	1
Youlton	-	1
Totals:	64	101

b) Four houses have been discontinued as dwellings as a result of action taken under the Housing Acts.

Two houses have been made by conversion of houses which were the subject of Closing Orders or Undertakings, these being cancelled after the dwellings had been made fit, all of this work being grant-aided.

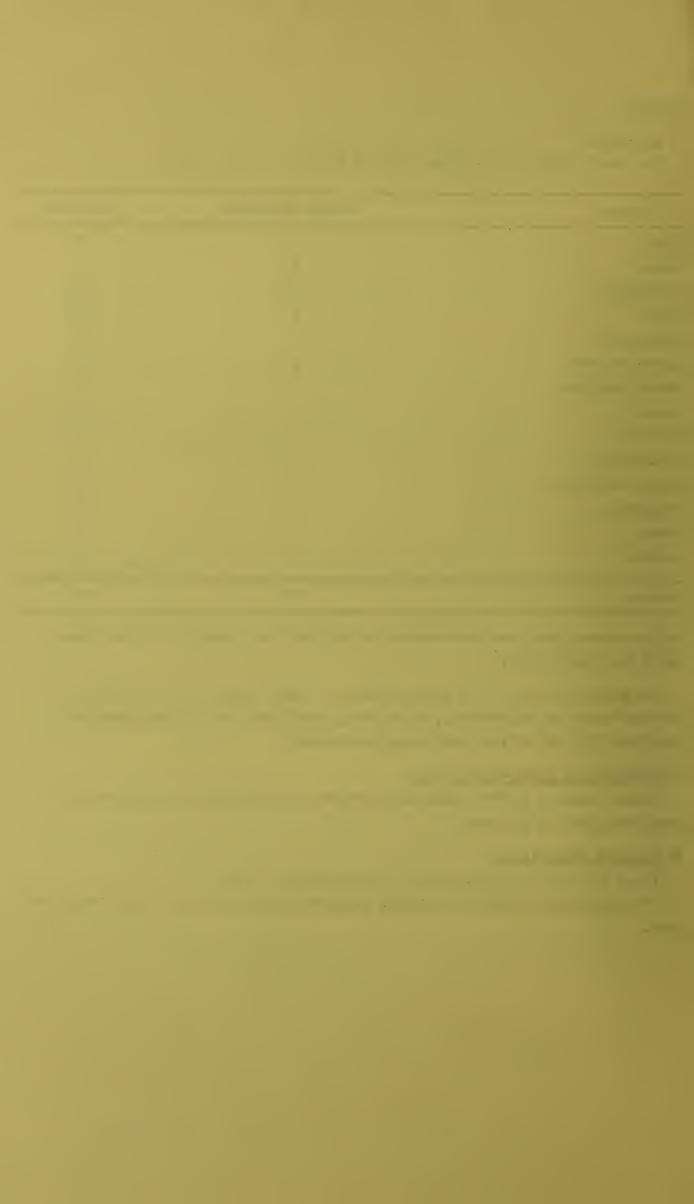
#### c) Standard and Improvement Grants.

Grants approved in 1971 totalled£55,974.50, and £28,453.70 was paid out for works completed in the year.

#### d) Building Regulations.

Plans for 103 new dwellings have been approved in 1971.

474 applications under the Building Regulations have been dealt with during the year.



#### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

1971 marked the second full year since the scheme for using polythene bin liners was introduced. Again it was possible to keep to a weekly service without increasing staff or vehicles.

Only one tip is now available to the Council which is at the Tholthorpe Gravel pit. This is ideal for the purpose, being away from most habitation, is dry and ample covering material is available on site. Unfortunately it is not central and our vehicles have some long hauls to the tip when full.

Ashpits and pail closets are still serviced by the refuse vehicles and although the numbers are reducing, it will be many years before all houses have water closets unless the speed of conversions is much increased. It must be recognised that many villages lack proper sewers and/or sewage disposal systems and so a general scheme of conversions throughout the district is not possible.

#### SEPTIC TANKS.

Our sewage tankers service sewage works, village sewage tanks and also clean out septic tanks to private houses where sewers are not available. In 1971 plans have been approved for 19 new septic tanks involving 23 houses.

The numbers of such tanks increase every year, only a few being made redundant when sewage schemes are completed. The problem of cleansing will therefore remain for as long as can be foreseen.

#### MEAT INSPECTION.

All meat and food inspection in the District is carried out by your Public Health Inspectors. Meat Inspection is a statutory duty of the Local Authority under the provisions of the Meat Inspection Regulations. Under these Regulations the revenue for the year for the meat inspection service was £184.14.

The appended table gives details of the animals slaughtered and inspected during the year; 540 visits being made by the Inspectors for this purpose.

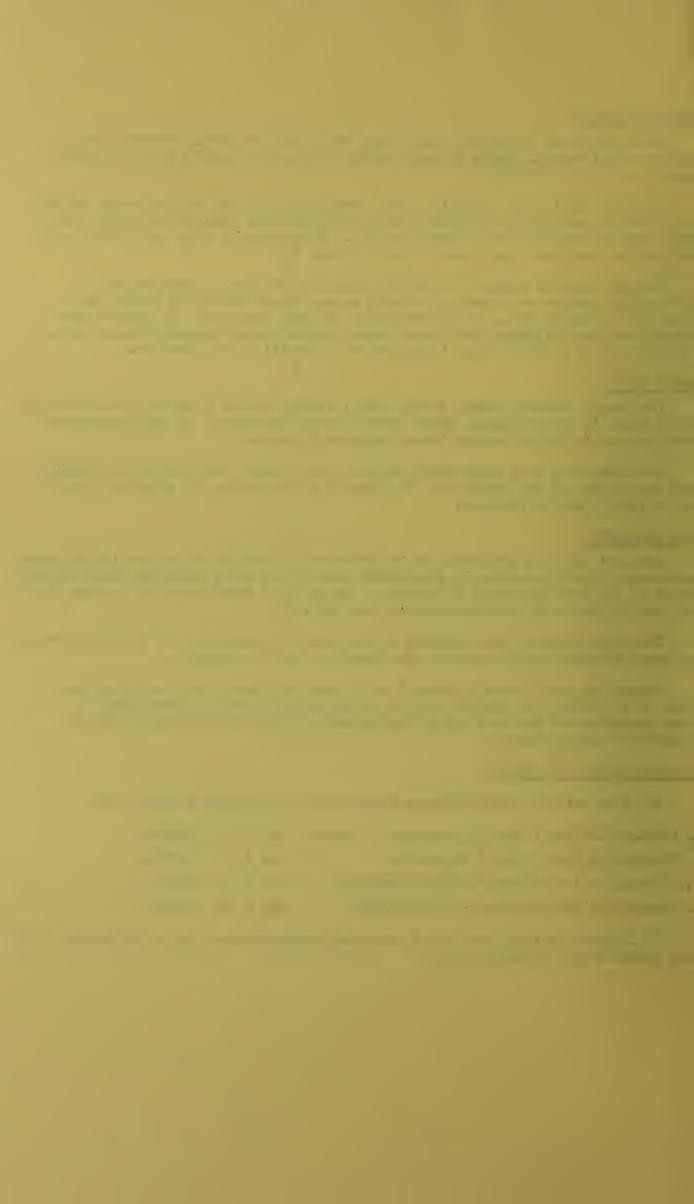
During the year 2 tons 10 cwts. 1 qu. 1 stone weight of meat and offals were found to be diseased or unsound and were condemned and sent for processing. A large proportion of the meat and offals condemned was derived from 138 animals slaughtered in emergency.

#### SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958.

The four private slaughterhouses listed below were licensed during 1971:

- 1. Premises in Chapel Street, Easingwold Owner: Mr. C. W. Thornton.
- 2. Premises at 'Cote House,' Husthwaite. Mr. J. J. Thornton.
- 3. Premises at 'South View,' Newton upon Ouse. Mr. F. R. Shepherd.
- 4. Premises at 'Richmond House,' Tholthorpe. Mr. F. G. Hartley.

37 Informal Notices were served regarding slaughterhouses and slaughtermen. All were complied with during the year.



#### ANNUAL REPORT 1971.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 ETC.

- 1. There are 116 food premises in the District comprising 8 butchers shops, 49 confectioners, grocers and greengrocers, 49 licensed and catering premises, 3 licensed sports clubs and 7 fried fish shops. All the premises have mains water available.
- 2. Five butchers premises are registered for sausage making etc.
- 3. Eight dairies are registered for the sale of bottled milk, all of which is designated.
- 4. 27 visits of inspection have been made to ice cream premises, 10 to dairies and 173 to other food preparing premises during the year.
- 5. No education courses in hygienic practices have been run education has been limited to personal instruction during routine visits.
- 6. All condemned meat and offals are disposed of by digestion in a modern privately owned plant situated in an adjoining district. Other foods, of which normally only small quantities are condemned, are disposed of by burying in the Council's Tip.
- 7. No large consignments of food have been inspected during the year.
- 8. No premises are registered for the manufacture of ice-cream in this District; there are 41 premises registered for retailing pre-packed ice-cream.
- 9. Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 1956.

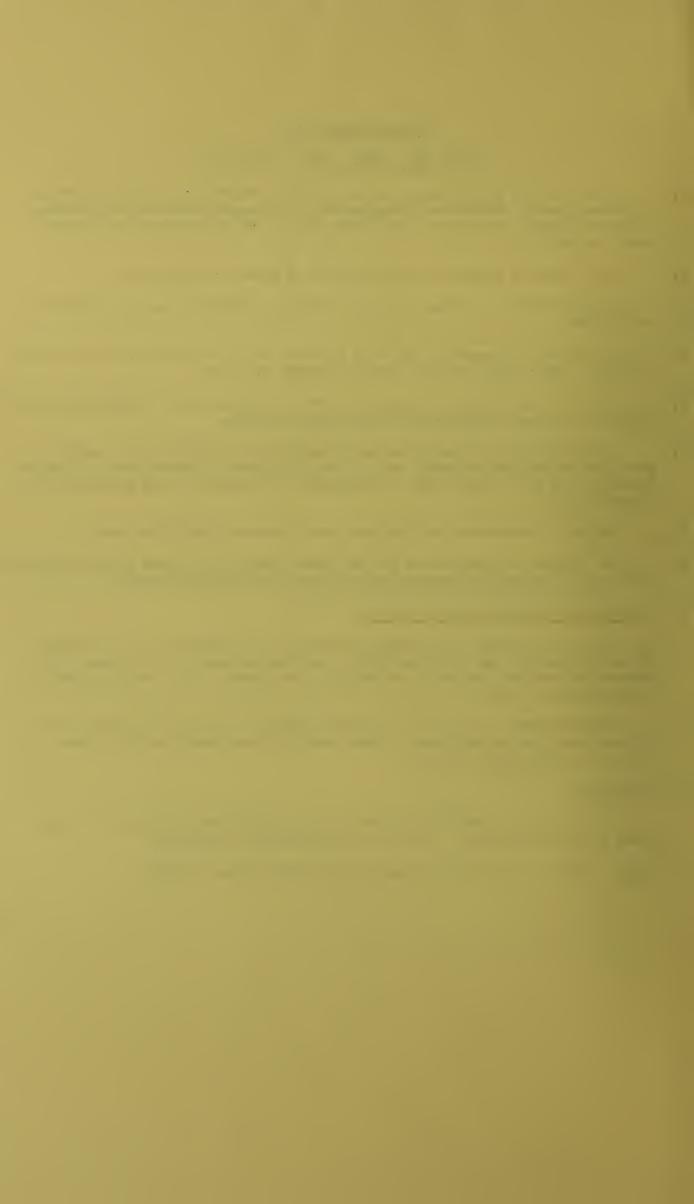
It has been found to be virtually impossible to carry out a set programme of inspections with the staff available, and the pressure of other work, but routine inspections have been made mainly in conjunction with other aspects of the department's work.

57 visits have been made to food preparing premises, and in general, conditions have been satisfactory. Seven unsatisfactory conditions have been remedied after Informal Notices.

#### 10. Bakchouses.

15 visits were paid to 4 bakehouses in the District, and they have been found to be satisfactory. There are no underground bakehouses.

11. Milk. There are no milk pasteurisation plants in the District.



# SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958.

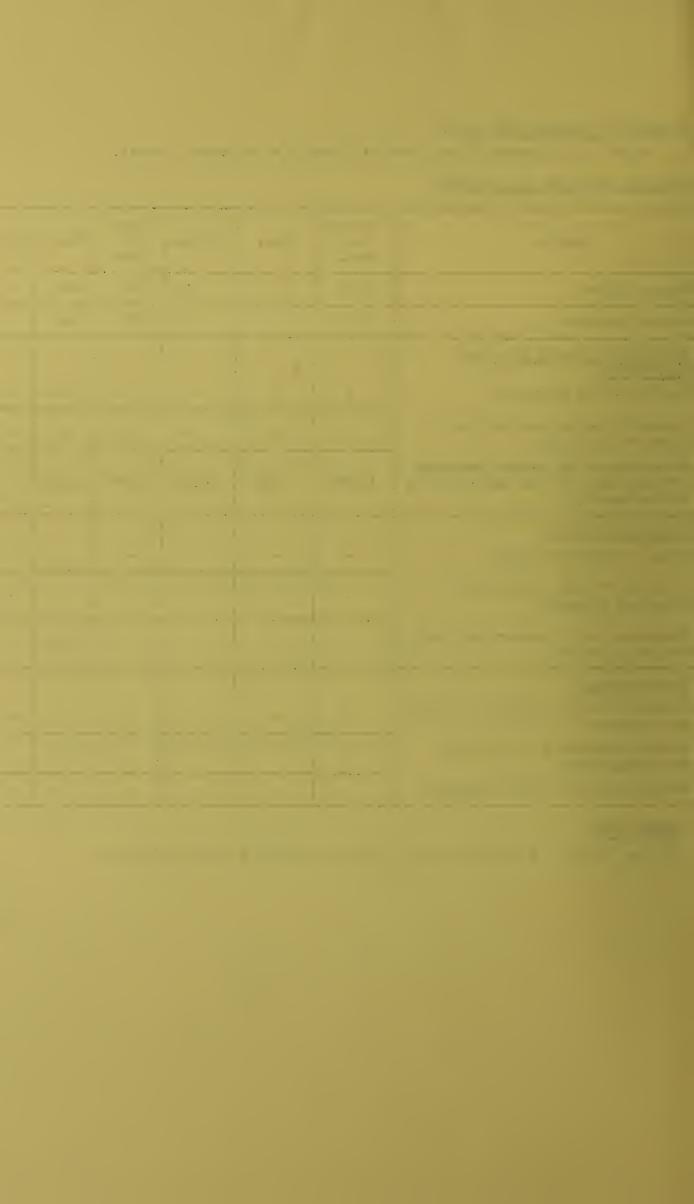
There are 17 persons in the District licensed to slaughter animals.

# CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDENNED.

Animal.	Cattle ex Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	663	3	11	1670	926	-
Number Inspected	663	3	11	1670	926	-
All diseases except T.B. and Cysticerci.						
Whole carcases condemned	1	1		5	11	
Carcase of which some part or organ was condomned	87	2	4	27	93	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than TB or Cysticerci.	13.27%	100%	36.36%	1.91%	11.23%	
Tuberculosis only.						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-		
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	9	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with TB.			~-	-	0.97%	<b></b>
Cysticercosis.						
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned.	3			-		
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	3			-		
Generalised and totally condemned	-	•••	-	-		

# OTHER FOODS.

83 lbs. weight of tinned and other foods were condemned due to spoiling.



#### RAT AND MICE DESTRUCTION.

In 1971 the services of the Rodent Operator have been fully available and at the end of the year 181 annual contracts for farms and business premises were in hand.

345 premises have been treated during 1971 for infestations of rats or mice by the Council's Officers and Rodent Operator.

#### INSECT PESTS.

Some complaints of infestations have been received during the year, mainly of a minor nature such as wasp's nests and ants. There have been no treatments of premises for infestations of bugs or fleas.

Several complaints regarding cluster flies were received in the late summer and autumn; as a result of the long period of warm weather insects were unusually active. Cluster flies are difficult to eradicate as some species breed in natural places, even parasitic on earthworms and therefore they can only be attacked in the adult fly stage. Central heating of houses also tends to keep flies more active during the winter period and hibernation is far from complete.

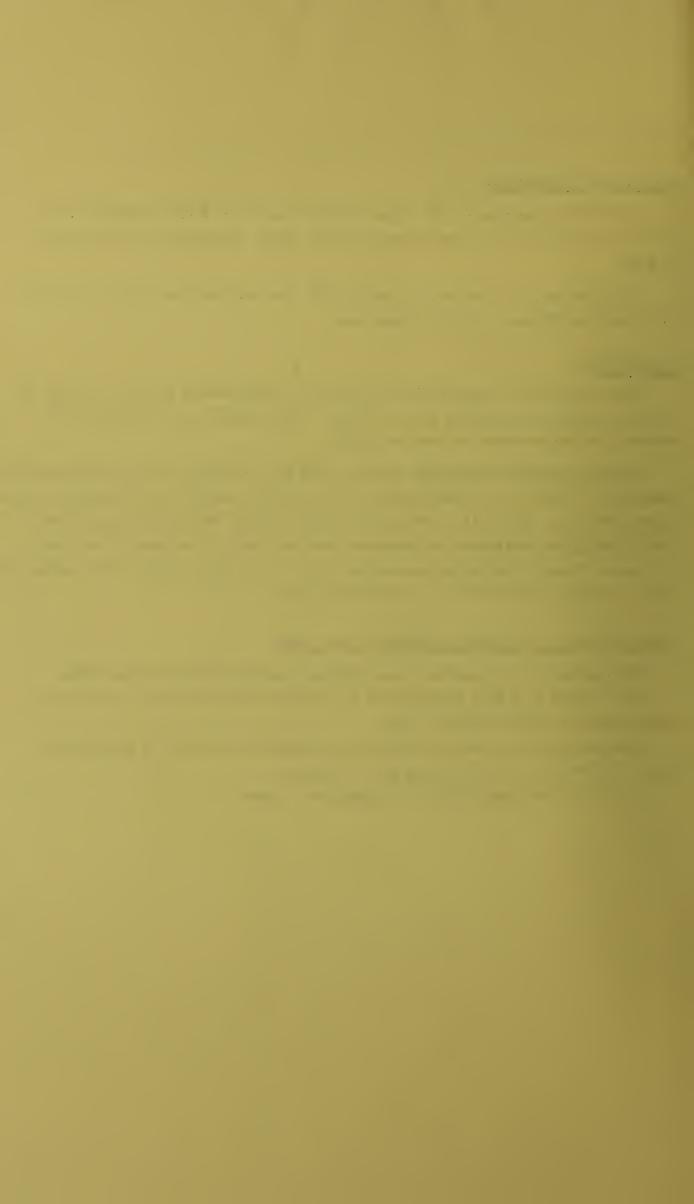
#### CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

28 residential caravans have been stationed in the District during 1971.

10 caravans have been stationed in the district without licence, mainly in conjunction with constructional work.

Sixteen sites have been livensed for stationing 28 caravans of residential type and four sites for 63 holiday type caravans.

All sites have been kept in a satisfactory manner.



# FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

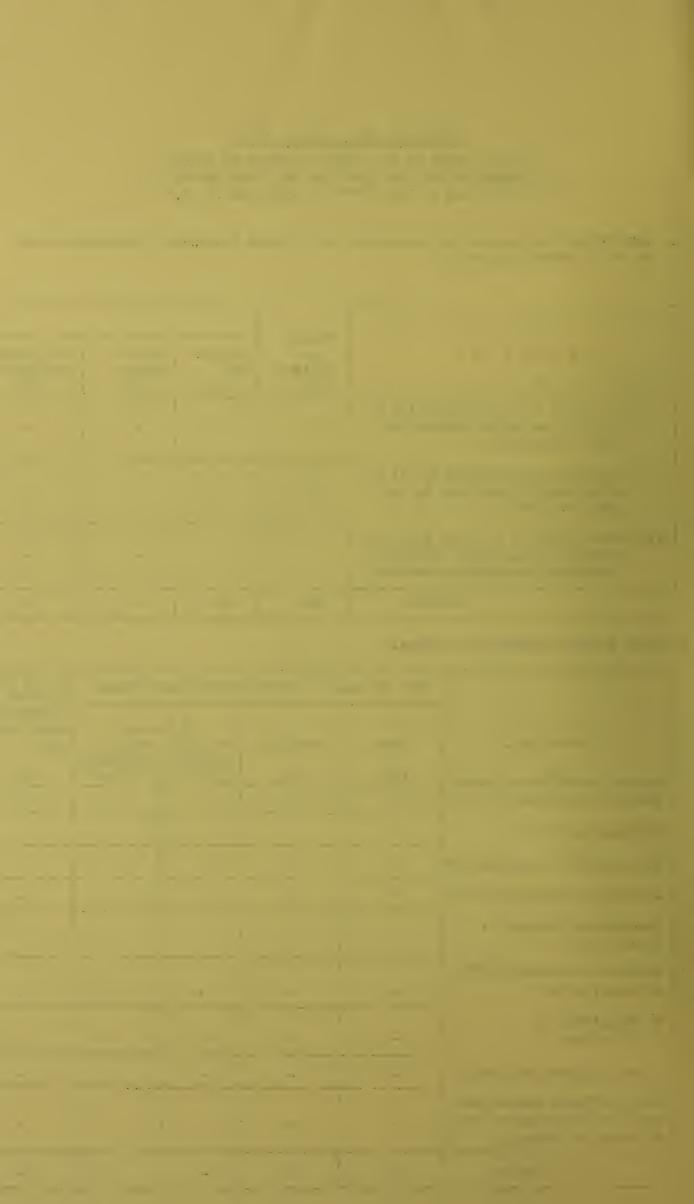
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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1971 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF
EASINGWCLD IN THE COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE (N. R.)

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.

PREMISES.	Number on Register (2)	Inspect- ions. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)
( i) Factories in which Sect's 1,2 & 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3	11	_	-
( ii) Factories not included in (i) in which sec.7 is enforced by the local authority.	- <b>3</b> 9	33	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers'premises)	-		-	-
Totals:	42	44	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

	No. of cases in which pr-				
Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	To H.M.	•	osecutions were instit- uted.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Inspector (5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S1)	3	3	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-		_	_	
Unreasonable temperature(S3)	-	-	<u>-</u>	_	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	_	-	_	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7) a) Insufficient		_	_	-	ster.
b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	_
c) Not separate for sexes	-	_	_	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	_	-	-	-	_
Totals:	3	3	-	-	-



#### Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

a) 2,439 inspections were made by the Council's Inspectors in carrying out their duties under the following headings:— Public Health Acts, Housing Acts, Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, Food and Drugs Act, Building Regulations, Petroleum Regulations, Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, Refuse Collection and Disposal.

## b) The Number of Notices Served.

	1) Statutory 2) Informal	2 37
c)	The Result of the Notices Served.	
	1) Statutory complied with 2) Informal complied with	2 33
d)	Housing Acts.	
	Total number of houses represented as unfit	5
	Demolition orders made  Closing Orders made	_
	Undertakings accepted	5
e)	New Building.	
	New houses drained to sewers	157
	New houses drained to septic tanks	8
f)	Conversions and improvements to existing premises.	
	Earth Closets and privies replaced with W.C's	29
	W.C's installed in existing premises, drained to sewers W.C's installed in existing premises, -do-septic tanks	25 6
	Additional W.C's provided to existing premises	31
	Existing houses re-drained	18

In concluding my report I must thank the staff of my department for their assistance during the year and also the Officers of the Council for their ready co-operation in the multitude of problems associated with local government in these days.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant

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Chief Public Health Inspector & Surveyor.

